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BOX PATENT APPLICATION  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This is a request for filing a ☒ continuation ☐ divisional application under 37 CFR § 1.53(b), of pending prior application no. 08/871,307 filed on 06/09/97.

of Robert J. Duffy, Lon M. Severe, Edward M. Richards, Shawn W. Dekalb and James P. Stewart  
(inventor(s) currently of record in prior application)

for Method and Apparatus for Power Connection in a Modular Patient Care System  
(title of invention)

1. ☒ The filing fee is calculated below:

## PATENT APPLICATION FEE VALUE

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3. ☒ Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the following sentence: This is a continuation of application no. 08/871,307, filed 06/09/97, and now U.S. Patent No. 5941846,

- 4a. ☐ Transfer the drawings from the prior application to this application and abandon the prior application as of the filing date accorded this

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Examiner: unknown

For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR POWER  
CONNECTION IN A MODULAR PATIENT  
CARE SYSTEM

Attorney Docket No.: 8236-053-999

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

Prior to the examination of the above-captioned application, please consider  
the following amendments and comments.

**IN THE CLAIMS**

Please cancel Claims 1-18 without prejudice.

**IN THE SPECIFICATION**

p. 1. At page 1, line 12, before the phrase "and assigned", please insert "now U.S.  
Pat. No. 5,713,856."

At page 1, line 16, please replace "U.S. Pat. App. Ser. No. \_\_/\_\_\_\_, filed  
" with "U.S. Pat. App. Ser. No. 08/866,664, filed June 9, 1997."

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At page 1, line 18, before the phrase "both assigned," please insert "now U.S. Pat. No.

5,836,910."

Respectfully submitted,

Date

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